

# GAVVY CRAVATH IN BATTING SLUMP SUCH AS ONCE COST HIM HIS BERTH IN BIG LEAGUES

## CRAVATH'S BATTING SLUMP, SUCH AS PRESENT, ONCE COST HIS JOB

Phillies Badly Crippled by Weak Hitting of Great Run-getter and Absence of Captain Luderus—"Gavvy's" Checkered Career in Major Leagues.

Although Brooklyn has outplayed the Phillies in two series, Moran's team has shaped up well in its string of games against the Eastern teams. The real test comes with the invasion of the East by the Western end of the National League circuit. The inter-sectional games start today, with Pittsburgh as the attraction at Broad and Huntingdon streets.

"Gavvy" Cravath's batting slump has been largely responsible for the failure of the Phillies in the last ten days, and unless the big Californian recovers soon it is safe to say that the Phillies will be several games behind first place before the start of the first Western trip. Should this happen, the fans can say good-bye to hope for a pennant.

### Such Slumps Cost Cravath Big League Berth

It is a typical Cravath slump, and they generally last about a month. These slumps have chased Cravath from the major leagues once and almost chased him again, in 1912. He was never considered a hard hitter until 1907, when he batted .303 for the Los Angeles club of the South Pacific Coast League. That season the Coast League was known as the "pitchers' league," because of the sudden appearance of many sensational performers and the sudden shrinkage of batting averages.

Cravath's feat of hitting over .300 caused the Boston Red Sox to purchase him, despite the fact that he was no longer a youngster.

If one traces Cravath's record back he will find that he admits to 33 years of age, and is possibly two years older. He started his career with Los Angeles in 1903, so that makes 12 years of high-class baseball, as the Pacific Coast League was an outlaw organization, classed almost as high as the National and American Leagues, back in those days.

While with Los Angeles, Cravath was not noted for anything in particular until in 1907 he started hitting. Prior to that time his best average was .283, in 1905. In 1908 the Red Sox gave him every chance in the world to make good, and he appeared to be in a fair way to success until he struck one of those unaccounted-for slumps. After hitting at a .350 clip for about 60 games, Cravath suddenly went bad. After 94 games his average had shrunk to .254, and waivers were asked on him.

Cravath still looked like a good gamble to Chicago, and the White Sox took him at the waiver price. He failed miserably again and was passed over to Washington. The slump followed Cravath to Washington and he was released to Minneapolis, of the American Association. In 1909 he compiled an average of .290, but did not strike his real stride until the last two months of the 1910 season, when he finished in a sensational manner. His average of .325 was piled up in the last two months, and he continued in 1911 where he had left off in 1910.

### Cravath Broke Slugger's Record in 1911

In 1911 Cravath recorded the greatest batting performances ever known in the American Association and started his long-distance hitting in earnest. Cravath made 221 hits in 167 games for a batting average of .363 and tallied 117 runs. All long-distance hitting records were broken, with 53 doubles, 13 triples and 29 home runs. This record prompted President Fogel, of the Phillies, to purchase him in the fall of 1911.

In 1912 Cravath struck a slump at the start of the season, and "Silent John" Titus retained his job in right field. Dooin was advised to let Cravath out, but held on to him. In 1913 Cravath again struck one of those strange slumps, and Dolan, now with the Cardinals, was converted into an outfielder, to take Cravath's place. On July 4, 1913, Cravath went in as a pinch hitter and won a game against the Giants by driving one of Matty's shots into the left-field bleachers. The following day he was sent to right field and made two home runs off Marquard. That clinched the position, and he kept the Phillies in the race with his terrific extra-base hitting.

### First Serious Slump Since 1913

Although the rest of the team fell down badly last season, Cravath continued to slug the ball at a consistent rate, and started out this season in the same manner, when he suddenly developed another slump. He is now in his first serious let-down since 1913, and there is no telling when he will come out of it.

Within the last two weeks he has occasionally hit the ball hard for one game, but in others has done nothing but strike out and pop up infield flies. This slump has completely upset his team-mates, and they will have a rough road ahead until the old slugger strikes his stride. The break is likely to come any day, and when it does the big black bat will work overtime pounding out victories.

### Mack's Futile Chase for a Third Baseman

Rumor says that Manager Mack is trying to sign Connolly, of Georgetown, and B. Shington, of Brown, to fill Frank Baker's place at third. If this report is true, Mack is wasting time. Connolly already has signed with Washington and will join the Senators in three weeks, while Babington turned down a Cincinnati contract because he already accepted terms with Pittsburgh.

Carroll, of Fordham, and Gilhooly, of Trinity, are the only high-class collegiate third basemen who have not been picked up, and it is rumored that the latter has signed with the St. Louis Cardinals. Relyly, of Yale, was a much-sought young man last season, but no club appears to be anxious to get him, since it has been learned that he had St. Vitus' dance in a stage that is growing worse instead of better.

### Vaughn, Local Boy, Wins Federal Berth

Local fans who follow college baseball are not surprised that Bob Vaughn has won the third-base position on the St. Louis Federal League club, but followers of major league ball will be much surprised, as the Princetonian has taken the position from Charley Deal, hero of the 1914 world's series.

Vaughn is a local boy and he was a star for three years at Princeton. He is a rather odd young fellow, because he turned down a major league contract to get some experience in a minor league. The experience gained at Providence eradicated two bad faults in Vaughn's play. He had a bad habit of fighting the ball and of chasing curve balls that went far outside the plate.

### Yale Retains Lead in College Baseball

Yale's baseball team continues to lead the procession in the "Big Six," but the Elis do not look quite so invincible as they once did. They met the Williams team last Wednesday and, in being beaten, dropped their second game of the season. Still, out of the three games played during the week they won two, beating both Lafayette and Vermont.

On top of their defeat by Penn, Princeton lost to Penn State and to Cornell. The game with Cornell, played on Saturday, looked like a sure victory until it was more than half over, when Reegan, who is just beginning to find himself, came to the rescue, and his teammates did their part in one big inning. With the result that the Ithacans won. The Cornell team is getting stronger every week, and with the big games approaching, the Ithacans will have to be watched closely.

Of the other big teams, Dartmouth fell a victim to Penn State, which had previously beaten Princeton; Harvard won three games in a row, though two of them were against fairly easy opponents, and Pennsylvania won and lost a game. The West Point team has yet to be beaten, and Newland is as invincible as ever. West Point is not considered in the ranking of the "Big Six." Here is how the "Big Six" stand to date:

College	Games	Won	Lost
Yale	13	11	2
Princeton	15	13	5
Harvard	12	8	4
Dartmouth	8	4	4
Cornell	13	6	7
Pennsylvania	12	3	9

### Cornell and Harvard Coming Strong

From now on the fight among the teams will be keener and merit will tell. Good pitching and hitting will be at a premium. Yale looks to be better fortified in both departments, but Cornell and Harvard are coming strong.

In considering college baseball the wonderful work of the University of Pennsylvania freshmen should not be overlooked. The Quaker youngsters beat the Yale first-year men on Saturday, and they have yet to lose a game. It is generally conceded on Franklin Field that the Quaker youngsters are a better team than their varsity.

## ONE REASON FOR PHIL LOSSES



Gavy Cravath is in a batting slump, and a bad one at that. That, together with the absence from the game of Captain Luderus, who was hitting at a .412 clip, accounts for reverses Moran's men are suffering.

**"FANNING" WITH GRANTLAND RICE**

**Under the Black Flag**  
They say the buccaners have passed,  
That pirates now are out of date;  
That Captain Kidd and such at last  
Have all been wiped from off the slate;  
Rave humor this—a brand as keen  
As any comic opera phrase,  
As long as in some submarine  
A German mongrel waits the chance.

You think the Black Flag out of date?  
That "skull and bones" no longer fly?  
The murder-loving "second mate"  
With loss of torture in his eye?  
Gone? Yes, but even at his worst  
Back in some dim, barbaric year,  
No pirate warred on women first,  
Nor murdered children with a cheer.

Chief of the world-famed buccaners  
To whom the pirates' game is tag,  
Foulest beyond unnumbered years  
To war beneath the Sable Flag—  
Come—come—ye old throat-cutting  
band—  
Ye cut-throat Rogers and Lafties—  
Salute ye now by sea and land  
Where your red chief, the Kaiser, sits.

"Maybe I am all wrong," writes a sporting combatant, "but strictly as a non-combatant, 'but strictly as a sporting proposition, was there any justification for Germany sinking the Lusitania?' We may be in error, but we have never yet figured that sportsmanship and murder were in any way adjacent symbols.

**Another Entry**  
This, however, has nothing to do with the case of Fritz Maisel, however Teutonic he may be.  
So far, Maisel's claim that he could steal 12 bases if he could bat .300 has been well borne out.

For his first 15 contests Maisel batted .299. In these 15 games he stole 12 bases—an average of three steals in four games. On a 15-game basis, this same average, if maintained, would ring up 14 pilfered bases—which would be enough.

**All in the Family**  
The last chance for a 1915 International passed when Vardon and Ray decided to postpone their visit to America, so the open golf championship at Baltusrol in June will probably be "all in the family." The victors will be missed, but, for all that, the field will still be a high-class gathering, with at least another year's development and experience ahead before Kelland comes over for another joust.

**The Return of Colby Jack**  
The Kennebunk Express is running on scheduled time again. Colby Jack Coombs has returned, and apparently with the stuff that made him famous.  
Coombs for three years has been rated among those who had seen their day. At one stage he had little chance even for his life. Then it was figured that

with luck at its best he would still be a cripple and an invalid. But Jack, with his customary philosophy and courage, never gave up the fight. He stuck to the job of getting well without a whisper of complaint. He kept his head up and his heart in the right place. And today he is charged with two victories out of two starts against the league leaders of the early race—and in each contest the ex-Mackian premier gave a display of winning form. Coombs is a good, old-fashioned type of man—a credit to the game. His return is one of the most cheerful incidents of the 1915 race.

Jim Coffey is preparing to follow Jess Willard until he gets Jess into a ring. Jim had better stick in an extra collar or two and perhaps an additional pair of socks, for he may have to wait a day or two longer than the specifications call for—provided Willard is now knocking down \$1000 a day.

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## MERION WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM WINS

Philadelphia Second Squad Loses Match by One Set, Germantown Victor.

Merion second defeated Philadelphia second in a women's second division interclub tennis match at St. Martin's yesterday by the narrow margin of three matches to two. Both matches won by Philadelphia were well contested. Miss Hannah Wright took the first set of her match from Miss Sarah Myers, but in the second set the excellent all-round play of Miss Myers earned her the verdict. Miss Wright played strongly in the third set and again won.

The match between Miss A. Patterson and Miss Lillie was even more closely contested. Miss Patterson winning the first and third sets. Summary: Miss Hannah Wright, Philadelphia, defeated Miss Sarah Myers, Merion, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; Miss Lillie, Merion, defeated Miss B. Henry, Philadelphia, 6-2, 6-4; Miss A. Patterson, Philadelphia, defeated Miss Lillie, Merion, 6-2, 6-7, 6-9; Miss V. Dougherty, Merion, defeated Miss M. Morris, Philadelphia, 6-4, 6-2; Miss Ogden, Merion, defeated Miss M. Houston, Philadelphia, 6-1, 6-4.

Although Overbrook defaulted one match to Germantown, at Manheim, the visitors managed to win three out of the four matches played. Three of the contests were quite one-sided, but the match between Mrs. Hudnut and Mrs. Pearson lasted three sets. Summary: Miss Sparks, Overbrook, defeated Miss L. Felton, Germantown, 6-2, 6-3; Mrs. Gaston, Overbrook, defeated Miss Douglas, Germantown, 6-1, 6-0; Mrs. Morse, Germantown, defeated Miss Potter, Overbrook, 6-0, 6-1; Mrs. Hudnut, Overbrook, defeated Mrs. Pearson, Germantown, 5-7, 6-0, 6-1; Miss S. Felton, Germantown, won by default.

By four matches to one Belfield second easily defeated Philadelphia Country Club second at Bala. The most closely-contested match was played between Mrs. Schlichter, Country Club, and Mrs. Weitzel, Belfield. Summary: Mrs. Herold, Belfield, defeated Mrs. Erwin, Country Club, 6-1, 6-3; Mrs. Kerbaugh, Belfield, defeated Miss Johnson, Country Club, 6-3, 6-0; Miss Snyder, Belfield, defeated Mrs. Mitchell, Country Club, 6-4, 6-3; Mrs. Johnson, Belfield, defeated Mrs. Farnum, Country Club, 6-3, 6-0; Mrs. Schlichter, Country Club, defeated Mrs. Weitzel, Belfield, 6-2, 4-6, 12-10.

### DeWitt, Famous as Jockey, Dies

VIRGINIA, Minn., May 11.—Advice from International Falls, Minn., told of the death of Walter Lewis DeWitt, who in his youth was a famous jockey. He wore the colors of James H. Keene, when that horseman was at the height of his fame.

## BEGINNING THIS WEEK GOLFERS WILL BE KEPT BUSY UNTIL FALL

Oakland C. C. Test Begins Today; Baltimore C. C. Affair Ends Tomorrow and Other Big Events Are Scheduled This Week and for the Remainder of Season.

Beginning this week and continuing until well into fall there will be something constantly going on in the world of golf. Not so much as a breathing spell will be permitted. The last three days of this week comes the invitation tournament of the Oakland Golf Club, at Bayside, while the annual schedule of one-day tournaments for the members of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association begins today at Montclair. The Baltimore Country Club affair began yesterday and will be brought to a close tomorrow.

The Philadelphia district matches will begin today, when the women's tourney for the Philadelphia Cup will be started at the local clubs. The schedule for May follows: MAY 11. Philadelphia Cup (women)—Huntingdon Valley vs. Merion, at Noble; Merchantville vs. Philadelphia, at Merchantville; St. David's vs. Overbrook, at St. David's; Suburban Cup—Bala vs. Philmont, at Bala; Old York Road vs. West Chester, at Jenkintown; Lansdowne vs. Woodbury, at Lansdowne.

Wilmington Cup—Wilmington vs. North Hills, at Wilmington; Springfield vs. Aronimink, at Wallingford; Stenton vs. Whittemarsh, at Stenton. MAY 14. Clarence H. Gelat Cup, at Overbrook (women). MAY 15. Suburban Cup (men)—Frankford vs. Lansdowne; Bala vs. St. David's; Overbrook vs. Belfield; Merchantville vs. Bon Air; Riverton vs. Woodbury; Moorestown vs. Haddon; North Hills vs. Philmont; Old York Road vs. Stenton.

MAY 18. Philadelphia Cup (Women's)—Philadelphia vs. Merion; Huntingdon Valley vs. St. David's; Merchantville vs. Overbrook; Suburban Cup—Philmont vs. Lansdowne; West Chester vs. Bala; Old York Road vs. Woodbury. Wallingford Cup—North Hills vs. Stenton; Whittemarsh vs. Moorestown; Aronimink vs. Wilmington. MAY 19. Invitation, mixed foursome, at Philmont.

MAY 21. Winner of Suburban Cup vs. last team in Philadelphia Cup (Women's). Winner of Wallingford Cup vs. last team in Suburban Cup (Women's). MAY 22. Suburban Cup (Men's)—Frankford vs. Bala; Lansdowne vs. St. David's; Overbrook vs. Merchantville; Belfield vs. Bon Air; Riverton vs. Moorestown; Woodbury vs. Audubon; North Hills vs. Old York Road; Philmont vs. Stenton.

On Thursday of this week the Advertising Golf Association of the New York district will meet at the Danwood Country Club for the first of the season's tournaments. On the same day the semifinal matches for the women's district team championship are carded, at Glen Ridge, on Saturday the Exchange members will run off the annual tournament at Sleepy Hollow.

As Francis Gulmet will play in the Baltimore Country Club's tournament which closes tomorrow, he may find it possible to drop off at Oakland on his way back to Boston. He visited the course last week, and as he made a good score he may be tempted to try his luck in the tourney. But even if that does not play, the field is sure to be a good one and will include many of the present and former metropolitan golfers.

Four sixteens have been provided for, with prizes for the winners and runners-up. There also will be beaten eight classes in each division and the usual 18-hole handicap will be part of the day program. Competitors may select their own partners for the qualifying round on Thursday.

The annual handbook of the Metropolitan Golf Association and the Western Golf Association have been issued to the members. Each book contains the usual official information as to past and present officers, handicaps lists, by-laws and records of tournaments. There is no marked change in either over previous years.

In the Western book, however, the method of giving the list of handicaps is different than those published in this section of the country. The names of the clubs are first given, with the length of the course, after which comes the members of that club, who are given a Western rating and the number of strokes allowed. The club, therefore, is the informational unit, so to speak. There is no alphabetical list.

Several changes have been made in the dates allowed some time ago by the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association. The most important one is the date switch for the invitation tournament of the Allegheny Country Club, which was to be held during the first week of June. It will be held now June 9, 10, 11 and 12 instead. The reason assigned for the change is that the dates first selected conflict with the Metropolitan championship at Apawamis and that Allegheny expected a number of prominent Metropolitan golfers to play in its tourney that year.

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